



KO'OLAULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 28

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016 LA'IE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Verla Moore called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. **Quorum was established with nine (9) members present.** Note – This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Members Present – Randall Au, Vanley Auna (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Hannah Carroll, John Elkington, Kent Fonoimoana, Dee Dee Letts, Kela Miller, Verla Moore (departed at 7:22 p.m.), Jacob Nihipali, and Diane Tafua.

Members Absent – Louis Prescott.

Guests – Captain Brendan O'Connor and Captain Carlton Yamada (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Michael Kuroda and Sergeant Andre Carreira (Honolulu Police Department); Major Jeremy Pitaniello (United States Army); Michael Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin); Representative Sean Quinlan; Max Phillips (Senator Gil Riviere); Lansing Sugita (Department of Design and Construction); Principal Donna Lindsey (Kahuku High School); Edmund Chang (Anbe, Aruga, and Ishizu, Architects Inc.); Dave and Ella Siroscopy, Buddy Ako, KC Connors, Marvin Iseke, Choon James, and Matthew Anae. Videographer ('Olelo); Sharon Baillie (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Brendan O'Connor reported the following:

- **October 2016** – There was 1 nuisance fire, 1 wildland/brush fire, 1 nuisance fire and 5 activated alarms. There were 39 medical emergencies, 6 motor vehicle crashes/collisions, 1 mountain rescue and 2 ocean rescues.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Thanksgiving Day Fire Safety:
 - Thanksgiving Day is the peak day for home cooking fires followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and deaths nationwide. The following are safety tips for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day holiday:
 - Stay in the kitchen when cooking; do not leave cooking unattended.
 - Keep children at least three (3) feet away from the stove.
 - For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed.
 - The HFD discourages the use of turkey fryers, as they may lead to devastating burns and other injuries and can cause property damage due to large amounts and high temperatures of oil being used.
 - Kalua Turkey is a popular alternative, and imu, or underground ovens are common cooking methods.
 - Dig the imu where the fire cannot accidentally spread and create a fire hazard.
 - Avoid placing imu where the smoke will blow into or across homes.
 - Let neighbors know plans so they are aware of the smoke.
 - Call the HFD prior to lighting an imu fire at 723-FIRE (3473).

Board member Auna arrived to the meeting at 6:15 p.m.; 10 board members present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Michael Kuroda reported the following:

- **October 2016** – There were 3 motor vehicle thefts, 5 burglaries, 15 thefts, and 15 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV's).
- **Crime Mapping** – A survey was given by a show of hands on if people would like to see certain crimes added to the HPD crime mapping.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. **Statistics** – Letts noted that in previous years the board was given statistics of incidents based on areas, such as what happened in Ka'a'awa versus Kahuku which would be more helpful to the communities.

Moore agreed and would like the old way of reporting the incidents to take place. Lieutenant Kurdoda will take this request back.

2. Neighborhood Watch – Auna requested that HPD provided neighborhood watch training to the Hau'ula Community Association (HCA) and residents because many of them are interested in keeping the community safe.
3. Information – Iseke noted that a boat has been abandoned in Hau'ula for two (2) to three (3) months and would like HPD to do something about it, Iseke added that he would like to see statistics on how many drug arrests take place in Ko'olauloa along with car and home break-ins.

US ARMY REPRESENTATIVE – Major Jeremy Pitaniello reported the following:

- Turkey Trot – There will be a Turkey Trot run/race taking place at Kahuku Elementary School on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 7:45 a.m.
- Leadership Day – The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) of Kahuku High School under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Crawford will be participating in a Cadet Leadership Day Program and will be shadowing various leaders at Schofield Barracks for a day.
- Tour – Major Pitaniello asked for feedback from the board and community on the number of people who would want to attend the Kahuku Training Area (KTA) tour as well as the various things they would like to see in the area. The tour of KTA should be happening sometime in the beginning of the New Year. Board member Au will be a point of contact to pass on the information.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Condolences – The board and audience expressed their condolences for the loss of Sergeant Renardo Dukes who was killed in a training accident in the Kahuku area.
2. Veteran's Day – James gave an early Happy Veteran's Day to Major Pitaniello and all military personnel and thanked them for their service.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – **Without any objections, The October 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-1 (AYE: Au, Auna, Carroll, Elkington, Fonoimoana, Miller, Moore, Nihipali, and Tafua; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Letts).**

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Miller reported that \$25.11 was spent in the month of October 2016 and that there is a remaining balance of \$310.11. The report was filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – Tafua noted her goal of inviting two (2) principals to the meetings when committee reports are given, to give the community a chance to meet the people educating their children and family.

- Kahuku High School – Principal Donna Lindsey introduced herself and listed her history in the community listing accomplishments and the strides and goals the school are working towards.
- La'ie Elementary School – Principal Loha Kaka introduced herself and listed her history in the community, noting the importance of education for the children and ways she and others are trying to improve the educational experience.

Public Relations – Au reported the following:

- Kahuku Training Area – The Annual lighting forge exercises have concluded, however post cleanup of the area is still taking place.
- Tour – Please contact Au, as he will serve as the point of contact to relay information to Major Pitaniello on and special requirements guests may have, number of people who want to attend, and points of interests they would like to see.

Capital Improvements – Auna reported the following:

- Hau'ula Fire Station – The Hau'ula Fire Station is slated to begin construction in June 2017 with a completion date of November 2018.
- Kawainui Stream – The dredging project of Kawainui Stream will begin in 2019.
- Kahuku District Park – Money has been appropriated for plans and design for improvements to the field lights and recreational facility.

- Projects – For more information on different capital improvement projects for the Ko'olauloa area please visit www.honolulu.gov and type in capital improvement programs quarterly status report, current information can be found on document 792.

Culture – Miller reported the following:

- Educator of the Year – Congratulations to H. Ka'umealani K. Walk who was named the 2016 Native Hawaiian Educator of the Year.
- Anniversary – Brigham Young University of Hawaii (BYUH) and the Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC) celebrated the 60th anniversary of 'Iosepa.

Health and Wellness – Carroll reported the following:

- Open House – Oceanside Assisted Living will be having an open house on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10 a.m. Please attend for more information.

Housing – Elkington reported the following:

- Housing – There is a program under Obama which allows people with high mortgage rates to refinance, recommending to take advantage of it while still in effect.

Parks and Recreation – Nihipali reported the following:

- Kama'aina Kids – Kama'aina Kids will no longer be operating at Swanzy Beach Park.

Water – Letts reported the following:

- Board of Water Supply (BWS) – The BWS came and presented a report on Well projects in the area as well as their water master plan, noting that the amount of water that was being pumped in Ko'olauloa and sent to other regions has been reduced.

Agriculture – Fonoimoana reported the following:

- Wind Turbines – The habitat conservation plan approval for the proposed Wind Turbines in Kahuku has been deferred by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Land Use – Moore reported the following:

- New Construction – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has applied for a conditional use permit minor to construct a new meeting building at their current church location in Kahuku. Any comments on the project are due to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) by Monday, December 5, 2016.

Chair Moore called for a recess at 7:00 p.m.

The Neighborhood Assistant (na) took a new board picture.

Chair Moore called the meeting back to order at 7:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Hau'ula Fire Station Design – Edmund Chang reported the following: Fire Station – The Fire Station will be a single story building with 9,200 square feet of space. There will be one (1) way in on Kamehameha Highway and one (1) way exit on Kawaipuna Street. There will be a place for fire fighter parking, public parking, and a basketball/volleyball court combo. Chang highlighted different features of the proposed station with individual style dorm beds, a physical fitness center, mechanical room, and emergency generator.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Individual Quarters – Tafua inquired and HFD Administrative Services Captain Carlton Yamada answered that other recently constructed fire stations have individual sleeping quarters to provide privacy and improve gender equality as there are more female firefighters.
2. Traffic Pattern – Letts asked and Chang answered that when HFD will be going out on calls they will be exiting on Kawaipuna Street and when returning will be entering from Kamehameha Highway.

3. Traffic Lights – Moore asked if there would be a traffic light put in at the new Hau'ula fire station, Sugita from the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) noted that there is a proposal for a traffic light however it is not part of the current architectural design.
4. Size – Elkington inquired and Yamada answered that it is hard to gauge what size the station is compared to others, however the new station will follow American with Disabilities Act (ADA), be gender equality compliant, follow civil rights compliance laws, and allow for on-sight training.
5. Solar Panels – Elkington asked and Chang answered that there would be solar panels to heat the water and a backup generator would be available if the power were to go out.
6. Time – Letts asked and Yamada answered that they cannot address a specific time frame for the project.
7. Truck – Fonoimoana asked and Chang answered that the garage would be big enough to accommodate a fire ladder and that copper gutters would be used on the building and added that there will be cameras around the building.
8. Ocean Safety – Moore inquired and Yamada answered that there is no ocean safety apparatus planned for the station, however it is something that is being looked into.
9. Kawaipuna Street – Nihipali questioned why the Fire Trucks would be exiting on Kawaipuna Street versus Kamehameha Highway as Kawaipuna Street is congested with cars.
10. Training Tower – Auna noted that the East Kapolei Fire Station has a nice training tower and wondered if the Hau'ula Fire Station would have the same accommodations, Sugita answered that a training tower is not in the budget as of now.
11. Studies – Tafua asked if there had been studies on the most efficient ways to exit the fire stations, in which the answer was yes.

Chair Moore departed the meeting at 7:22 p.m.; Nine (9) board members present.

12. Against – Iseke and James both voiced their concerns and objections for the plans for a new Hau'ula Fire Station.
13. Concerns – Connors noted several concerns about the potential fire station including the flooding on Kamehameha Highway, Water Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
14. Opinions – Letts inquired if there was a way that residents could give their input on the project, Sugita noted forms would be available for people to provide comments and turn in.
15. Support – Nihipali and Auna both voiced their support for the Hau'ula Fire Station project.
16. Emergency Medical Services – Letts asked and Sugita answered that they could not answer if an EMS unit could be placed at the new Hau'ula Fire Station as it was out of their scope.
17. Communication Tower – Fonoimoana inquired and Sugita answered that there would not be a communication tower at the new fire station.
18. Against – Iseke and James again voiced their opposition to the proposed Hau'ula Fire Station, suggesting it should be placed elsewhere.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Adam Lefebvre was unable to attend the meeting, a memo for the record was provided. Nihipali read the following:

- Bus Stops – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) personnel will conduct an inspection of the bus stops in the Ko'olauloa area.
- Roof of Bus Stop – The DTS will include bus shelter no. 2374 (Hau'ula Homestead Road across from the beach park) in their backlog of projects. A contract to repair the bus shelter at bus stop no. 2376 (Kamehameha Highway and Kukuna Street) was recently awarded and work should start by February 2017.
- Floor of Bus Stop – The DTS personnel will conduct an inspection of the bus stop at Foodland in front of the La'ie Shopping Center.
- Lighting – DDC reported that the baseball field lighting system for Kahuku District Park is currently under design. DDC anticipates going out to bid for construction in December 2016. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be consulted as to when the field can be closed for construction.

Council Chair Ernie Martin – Mike Sakata reported the following: Clarification – Sakata clarified that the money for the Van Pool program was awarded by the State legislature and expended through the City and County of Honolulu.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Bus Stop Seats – Tafua inquired if there were any ways to change the bus stop seats in the Ko'olauloa area to prevent homeless from sleeping on the benches, and taking away seats from people waiting to ride the bus.
2. Contingency Plan – Au asked if there was a contingency plan and feasibility study done pertaining to a situation if both ends of Kamehameha Highway were blocked off due to a hurricane or other natural disaster.
3. Bus Stop Seats – Iseke would like to see bus stop seats implemented first in the Ko'olauloa area, noting seeing elderly and people with babies standing up waiting for the bus because the benches are occupied by the homeless. Nihipali noted one (1) bus stop in the area that has stool type seats.
4. Illegal Rentals and Homeless – Connors inquired to the number of inspectors that are in charge of investigating the illegal transient vacation units (TVU's) in the Ko'olauloa area. Connors noted that the annual point and time count of the homeless is coming up and would like more support in the area to count the homeless individuals.
5. Sign Variance – Miller inquired to the request from the Marriot to place a larger sign at their location.
6. Thanks – Fonoimoana thanked Chair Martin for everything he has done for the Ko'olauloa community.
7. Opinion – James stated her opposition of the actions of Mayor Caldwell noting many things that she and others are disappointed in.

State Senator Gil Riviere – Max Phillip reported the following:

- Wind Turbines – Senator Riviere attended a meeting at DLNR on the proposed wind turbines in Kahuku and will be writing their case for a contested case hearing.
- Town Halls – A handout was made available and a list of town hall meetings for November 2016 were announced.
- Adult Day Care – There will be an informational seminar for Adult Day Care on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Oceanside Hawaii Assisted Living.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Super Ferry – Elkington inquired on the proposed Super Ferry and if it would be for tourist or commuters. Phillips noted that the Super Ferry is standing under Hawaii State Law with the ability to bring forth a court case.
2. Requests – Connors requests that Senator Riviere help bring better bus stop shelters to the community as well as for big production companies to donate to the schools on the Ko'olauloa side of the island if production is in the area. Connors also asked if the committees have been announced. Phillips answered that the committees have not yet been announced and will take back her requests.
3. Senate – James noted her surprise that Hawaii is the only state with an all Democratic Senate.

House Representative Sean Quinlan – Representative Quinlan reported the following:

- Thanks – Representative Quinlan thanked Feki Pouha for his years of service to the area. Representative Quinlan thanked Fonoimoana for coming down to the DLNR to testify in the case of the Kahuku Wind Turbines.
- La'ie Water Company – The La'ie Water Company is proposing an average of \$53 monthly increase to customer's water bills. The company has invested into a lot of infrastructure over the last few years. There will be a Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hearing where the rate increase will be discussed hopefully coming to an amicable price increase.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Under Market – Elkington inquired and Representative Quinlan answered that for several years the La'ie Water Company has not raised their rates. Letts asked what a fair number would be for both residents and the water company to which Representative Quinlan answered that he would need to look at the numbers over a period of years to come up with a fair number.
2. Thanks – Tafua and Letts thanked Representative Quinlan for running a clean campaign and congratulated him on his election.
3. Working – La'ie Community Association (LCA) and the Hawaii Reserve are working together on the matter of the water increase as some people are not happy with the prices.
4. Privately Owned – James asked why there are still privately owned water companies, Representative Quinlan noted that it is a long and complicated tale. Fonoimoana added that the company owns the land therefore they own the water rights.

5. Water Testing – Iseke inquired as to who would be responsible if someone in La'ie were to get sick from the water since the City and County of Honolulu test the water. Elkington noted that the water company has tested the water from his house several times. Representative Quinlan noted his comments.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; a report was provided.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Homeless – Connors announced that the next Windward Homeless Alliance meeting would be held on Monday, November 28, 2016. Connors requested that individuals get together to help with the upcoming homeless point and time count in order to get an accurate count and receive a fair share of funds.
- Funds – James noted her support for the HFD, and is not against new facilities, however believes the local government should be more prudent and fiscally responsible in accordance with the proposed new Hau'ula Fire Station.
- Dirty Electricity – Iseke noted a book titled, *Dirty Electricity* by Samuel Milham, MD, MPH and the importance of reading and learning information from the book, which talks about people getting sick from big electricity towers, which will make people think differently on projects that require electricity towers close to their own homes.
- Meeting Locations – A few residents and board members inquired into the locations for the neighborhood board meetings. Tafua noted that the locations will change every two (2) meetings and that the next two (2) meetings will be held in Kahuku at the community center.
- Veterans Memorial – Au requested that the area legislators look into the possibility of having a memorial or placard placed somewhere to honor the Veterans. Fonoimoana noted that going along the Kahuku Golf Course, there is a big concrete box which used to house a big gun turret during World War Two (2) (WWII) that had come from one (1) of the ships during Pearl Harbor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting – The Board will recess in December 2016. The next regular Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board No. 28 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the Kahuku Community Center, 56-576 Kamehameha Highway, Kahuku.
- 'Olelo Broadcasting – The regular Board meetings air on the 4th Friday at 9:00 p.m., and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 12:00 p.m. on Channel 49.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Sharon Baillie, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed by: James Skizewski, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed and Approved by: Chair Verla Moore